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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 128

Introduced by Assembly Member Granlund

January 6, 1999

An act to amend Section 12517.3 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 128, as amended, Granlund. Vehicles: school, youth bus, and paratransit vehicle driver certificates.

(1) Existing law requires applicants for an original certificate to drive a schoolbus, school pupil activity bus, youth bus, or general public paratransit vehicle to be fingerprinted by the Department of the California Highway Patrol, as specified, on a form provided or approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles for submission to the Department of Justice utilizing the Applicant Expedite Service.

Existing law also requires upon implementation of an electronic fingerprinting program with terminals located statewide and managed by the Department of Justice, that the Department of Justice provide that information to the Department of the California Highway Patrol.

This bill *would* allow these applicants to be fingerprinted by utilizing an electronic fingerprinting system. The bill would provide that the applicants may also be fingerprinted by a public law enforcement agency ~~or~~, a school district, *or a county office of education* utilizing an electronic fingerprinting system with terminals managed by the Department of Justice.

(2) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 12517.3 of the Vehicle Code is
2 amended to read:

3 12517.3. (a) (1) Applicants for an original certificate
4 to drive a schoolbus, school pupil activity bus, youth bus,
5 or general public paratransit vehicle shall be
6 fingerprinted by the Department of the California
7 Highway Patrol, on a form provided or approved by the
8 Department of the California Highway Patrol for
9 submission to the Department of Justice, utilizing the
10 Applicant Expedite Service or an electronic
11 fingerprinting system.

12 (2) Applicant fingerprint forms shall be processed and
13 returned to the office of the Department of the California
14 Highway Patrol from which they originated not later than
15 15 working days from the date on which the fingerprint
16 forms were received by the Department of Justice, unless
17 circumstances, other than the administrative duties of the
18 Department of Justice, warrant further investigation.

19 (3) Applicant fingerprints that are submitted by
20 utilizing an electronic fingerprinting system shall be
21 processed and returned to the appropriate office of the
22 Department of the California Highway Patrol within
23 three working days.

24 (b) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), an applicant
25 for an original certificate to drive a schoolbus, school pupil
26 activity bus, youth bus, or general public paratransit

1 vehicle may be fingerprinted by a public law
2 enforcement agency ~~or a school district~~, *a school district*,
3 *or a county office of education* utilizing an electronic
4 fingerprinting system with terminals managed by the
5 Department of Justice.

6 (2) The Department of Justice shall provide the
7 fingerprint information processed pursuant to this
8 subdivision to the appropriate office of the Department
9 of the California Highway Patrol within three working
10 days of receipt of the information.

11 (3) Applicants for an original certificate to drive an
12 ambulance shall submit a completed fingerprint card to
13 the department.

14 SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
15 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or
16 safety within the meaning of Article IV of the
17 Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts
18 constituting the necessity are:

19 In order that applicants for original certificates to drive
20 schoolbuses, school pupil activity buses, youth buses, and
21 general public transit vehicles can be effectively
22 fingerprinted and processed at the earliest possible time
23 in order to help protect the safety of passengers on these
24 vehicles, it is necessary that this act take effect
25 immediately.